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House Intelligence Committee Applauds Recommendations to Strengthen Intelligence

Chairman Pete Hoekstra and Ranking Minority Member Jane Harman released the following statement today on the White House's implementation of the recommendations of the Silberman-Robb Commission:

"We welcome today's announcement that the Administration will implement 70 of 74 recommendations of the Silberman-Robb Commission, building on the work done in the Intelligence Reform legislation to create and support a strong Director of National Intelligence.

"The Commission's recommendations, if properly implemented, will help ensure that the President and other policymakers are provided accurate, timely and actionable intelligence by an integrated intelligence community.

"We especially commend the efforts to strengthen, clarify, and coordinate human intelligence and the endorsement and implementation of the National Counterproliferation Center, mandated in last year's reform legislation.

"These recommendations also will make important and necessary changes at the FBI and the Department of Justice. The creation of a National Security Service and an Assistant Attorney General for National Security will improve domestic intelligence and significantly move forward the transformation of the FBI into a true terrorism-prevention agency.

"We urge every agency within the Intelligence Community, including the Pentagon, to embrace these recommendations and to cooperate with Congress as we oversee their implementation. Strong intelligence is the tip of the spear in our effort to counter terrorism. The brave men and women of the Intelligence Community need enhanced tools if they are to effectively ensure our safety."